



**St. Columba's Church
Douglas**
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Sunday Mass
6 pm Sun 9.30, 11.00
& 12.15



Douglas/Rochestown Parish

**St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown**
021-489 6797
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Sunday Mass
Sun 11.00 and
12.30

Sunday 2nd Feb. 2020

www.douglasrochestownparish.ie



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:
Éadaoin Lucia MGuinness, daughter of Fiona & Graham, Heatherton Park, Sth. Douglas Road.

Kieran Patrick McMillan, son of Sarah & Stephen, Upper Rochestown.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of the following: **David Cowhig**, Rochestown. Treasured son of Daniel and the late Angela and loving brother of Dan. **Netta Corbett**, beloved wife of the late Jim and loving mother of Jim, Des and Sharon. **Kevin Beale**, Donnybrook, loving father of Karen, Paul and Steven. Sadly missed by his daughter, sons, and their mother Christine May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.

News Desk

FINANCE: Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's €3389 : St. Patrick's: €1372.** Many thanks for your generosity. **2nd Collection Next Weekend – Lourdes Invalid Fund.**

FIRST FRIDAY 7th Feb '20 ST. COLUMBA'S : St Padre Pio prayers before 10.00am Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :10.30am – 11.30am. **Alliance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary** will keep vigil from 11.30am - 1pm.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS DOUGLAS BRANCH: Meeting in Parish Room **Monday 3 FEB..** after 10.00am Mass. **New members welcome**

Unexpected moments: The Deep End

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

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Wit and Wisdom

'Curiously enough, it is a fear of how grace will change and improve them that keeps many souls away from God. They want God to take them as they are and let them stay that way. They want Him to take away their love of riches, but not their riches – to purge them of the disgust of sin, but not of the pleasure of sin. Some of them equate goodness with indifference to evil and think that God is good if He is broad-minded or tolerant about evil.'

'Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache.' **Venerable Fulton J. Sheen**

Notices

Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima. Sept 5 to 12. Flights ex Cork. Day trips to Balasar, Valinhos/Aljustrel, Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, and St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon. Limited places. Spiritual Director: Fr Marius O'Reilly. Price €699 if booked before Feb 10th. Call Damien on 087 204 9048

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY (Including Category 1 Tickets) 22 - 29 May. Direct Flight Cork to Zurich return. Spiritual Director: Fr. Criostoir Mac Donald, fully escorted tour. Premier Travel, 021-4277700
norardy@premiertravel.ie

MEDUGORJE: June 3rd – 10th €715 & Sept 16th -23rd €745 ex Cork. Only €50 deposit. - Discount for bookings made before end Feb. May Trip Contact: Ann Horgan 085 1201971. Sept. Trip Contact: Angela Gowing 087 6140076. Prayer meeting Holy Trinity Church @ 8pm every Wed.

Tracing Family History - an 8 week course in Douglas Community School each Spring and Autumn. The course takes a comprehensive look at a fascinating subject. Contact: 4294208 / adulded@dcscork.ie for further details

Host Family required for 15-year-old Spanish Boy. (Other children in host family preferable) Arriving Sept '20, will attend Douglas Community School for Academic Year. Payment to Host Family. Contact: Joanne O'Donovan 086 25732989